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**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Bishop John
Michael D'Arcy.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Bishop John Michael D'Arcy.

Whereas, Bishop D'Arcy celebrated 50 years as a priest on February 2, 2007;

Whereas, Bishop D'Arcy, the son of Irish immigrants Margaret and Michael D'Arcy, was born on August 18, 1932, in Boston, Massachusetts;

Whereas, Bishop D'Arcy began preparation for the priesthood in September 1949, at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts and was ordained a priest on February 2, 1957;

Whereas, Bishop D'Arcy studied in Rome at the Angelicum from 1965 to 1968 and received his doctorate in spiritual theology in 1968;

Whereas, Bishop D'Arcy served as a parish priest in the Boston area for nine years; and, in February 1975, was ordained an assistant bishop for the Archdiocese of Boston;

Whereas, Bishop D'Arcy also served as the diocese's vicar for spiritual development;

Whereas, Bishop D'Arcy was appointed the eighth Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend on February 26, 1985, and installed on May 1, 1985;



Whereas, During his time as Bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese, Bishop D'Arcy has shown a strong interest in education and young people, strengthening elementary and high schools by raising salaries to retain skilled teachers;

Whereas, Bishop D'Arcy has helped the colleges within the diocese implement the 1990 Vatican guidelines by putting the local bishop in charge of ensuring Catholic colleges and their theologians teach in accordance with church beliefs;

Whereas, Bishop D'Arcy has stated that his priorities as bishop include "placing highly qualified priests, strengthening parish life, promoting prayer and the sacraments, and reaching out to young people"; and

Whereas, Bishop D'Arcy dedicates his life to God each day and describes the priesthood as "an extraordinary gift": Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates
2 Bishop John D'Arcy on his 50 years in the priesthood and thanks him
3 for his 20 years of dedicated service to the diocese of Fort
4 Wayne-South Bend and for his dedication and devotion to the spiritual,
5 emotional, and physical well being of the members of the diocese and
6 the citizens of the area.

7 SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the
8 Secretary of the Senate to Bishop John D'Arcy and the diocese of
9 Fort Wayne-South Bend.

